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PASS AGRICULTURE FOR BELL AND GOODMAN

1. TCK TEAM MET CEROILFOOD MON AM. FOLLOWING ARE MAIN ITEMS FROM TWO PREPARED STATEMENTS WHICH WERE READ BY US SIDE.

2. FIRST, DR. HOFFMAN'S STATEMENTS RESPONDING TO DR. CHOU'S COMMENTS OF THE PRECEDING MEETING; WITH REGARD TO DR. CHOU'S STATEMENTS, WE BELIEVE THAT THE ESSENTIAL DETAILS ARE IN AGREEMENT WITH THE SCIENTIFIC LITERATURE AND WE CAN HAVE NO ARGUMENT AGAINST THEM. AS DR. CHOU POINTED OUT, THE PUBLISHED REPORTS DO NOT ALWAYS AGREE. THIS MAY BE DUE TO DIFFERENCES IN EXPERIMENTAL METHODS AND TO ACTUAL DIFFERENCES IN THE COLLECTIONS OF T. CONTRAVERSA OCCURING IN THE U.S. AND IN EUROPE.

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ON OUR PART, WE HAVE PRESENTED TO YOU IN SHANGHAI A BRIEF

REPORT COVERING THE BIOLOGY OF TCK AS IT OCCURS IN THE US. THE FACTS SUMMARIZED IN THAT REPORT ARE AS ACCURATE AND AS UP-TO-DATE AS WE COULD MAKE THEM.

YOU GENEROUSLY ASKED US FOR SUGGESTIONS REGARDING THE SANITIZATION OF CONTAMINATED GRAIN. UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVE NO PRACTICAL, ALTERNATIVE METHODS TO SUGGEST TO YOU AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, WE WILL CONTINUE INVESTIGATIONS ON THIS ASPECT OF THE PROBLEM AND HOPE THAT YOUR SCIENTISTS TOO WILL CONDUCT RESEARCH WHICH MAY LEAD TO SOME EFFECTIVE AND PRACTICAL SANITIZATION PROCEDURE.

IN CONCLUSION, WE ADMIT THAT WE CONTINUE TO DISAGREE WITH YOUR ASSESSMENT OF THE RISK THAT TCK MAY POSE TO YOUR AGRICULTURE. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE MUST ACCEPT YOUR VIEWPOINT AND RESPECT THE SERIOUS ATTITUDE THAT YOU HAVE TAKEN TOWARD THIS PROBLEM.

IT IS OUR HOPE THAT WITH CONTINUED RESEARCH AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON BOTH SIDES, IT WILL BE POSSIBLE AT SOME FUTURE TIME FOR YOU TO MODIFY YOUR ASSESSMENT OF THE RISKS TO CHINA'S AGRICULTURE. (FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT, HOFFMAN ATTEMPTED TO CLARIFY POINTS PERTAINING TO TCK DISTRIBUTION AND INCIDENCE, WHICH APPARENTLY HAD BEEN MISUNDERSTOOD BY PRC IN PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS.)

3. MARQUOT THEN READ THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON SHIPPER'S POSITION:

ALL PRESENT HERE ATTENDED OUR RECENT TALKS IN SHANGHAI WHEN WE HAVE MADE IT VERY CLEAR THE IMPROVED MEASURES THAT TRADAX/DREYFUS ARE DETERMINED TO TAKE IN ORDER TO SHIP TCK FREE WHEAT, IN SPITE OF THE LOGISTICAL DIFFICULTIES THAT THIS WILL PRESENT.

LET US EXPRESS OUR REGRET THAT THE MEASURES AGREED UPON BY BOTH PARTIES LAST OCTOBER WERE INADEQUATE. WE CONSIDER, HOWEVER, THAT WE HAVE NOW A CLEARER KNOWLEDGE OF WHY THESE MEASURES FAILED.

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THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT OUR SUCCESS IN SHIPPING TCK FREE WHEAT CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED PROVIDED THAT WE SHIP WHEAT EXCLUSIVELY FROM AREAS WHERE TCK IS NOT KNOWN TO EXIST. THIS, WE SHALL DO, AND WE SHALL ENDEAVOR TO AVOID POSSIBLE CONTAMINATION FROM TRANSPORTATION AND ELEVATORS.

THE USDA SCIENTISTS HERE HAVE CONVEYED TO YOU:

1. THEIR UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION OF YOUR VIEWPOINTS,

2. THEIR RECOMMENDATION OF MORE RIGID MEASURES TO MAKE
WHEAT SHIPMENTS ACCEPTABLE TO CHINA,

3. THEIR DESIRE TO SEE U.S. GRAINS ENJOY WITH ENDUSERS
A POPULARITY EQUAL TO THAT OF OTHER ORIGINS.

IT IS TO BE REALIZED BY ALL CONCERNED THAT ANY SUCH MEASURES
WOULD ENTAIL ON THE PART OF THE COMPETENT US AUTHORITIES MAJOR
CHANGES IN THEIR CURRENT PROCEDURES COVERING THE EXPORT OF US WHEAT
TO CHINA.

WE ARE GLAD TO NOTE THAT FRANKNESS, SINCERITY AND UNDERSTANDING
HAVE PREVAILED IN OUR FRIENDLY DISCUSSIONS. IN ORDER TO REACH
AN AMICABLE AND SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT, WE RESPECTFULLY SUBMIT
TO YOUR FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

AS ALREADY SAID DURING OUR CONCLUDING TALKS IN SHANGHAI,
SHIPPERS CONSIDER THAT IN SPITE OF ALL EFFORTS THAT IT IS HUMANLY
POSSIBLE TO MAKE BEFORE AND DURING LOADING AT US PORTS TO ENSURE
SHIPMENTS OF TCK FREE WHEAT, EXCEPTIONAL CASES MAY ARISE WHERE
TCK MAY BE FOUND AT DISCHARGING PORTS. THIS, IN OUR OPINION, CAN
ARISE EVEN THOUGH SAMPLING AND INSPECTION METHODS ABOUT SIMILAR
TO YOURS WERE TO BE ADOPTED, BUT IT CAN ALSO ARISE THROUGH HUMAN
ERROR ON BOTH SIDES.

UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, WE REQUEST THAT IN SUCH EXCEPTIONAL
CASES YOU SHOULD ALLOW FOR SUCH ERROR AND THEREFORE YOUR
RIGHT OF REJECTION BE WAIVED FOR THE BALANCE OF SHIPPERS'
EXISTING CONTRACTS AS WELL AS FOR THE FUTURE WHEAT EXPORTS.

IF, AS WE SINCERELY HOPE, YOU CAN AGREE TO THIS, WE SHALL LOOK
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FORWARD TO EARLY RESUMPTION OF WHEAT SHIPMENTS UNDER IMPROVED
CONDITIONS.

WE LEAVE IT TO YOU TO DECIDE WHETHER TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS SHOULD
BE PURSUED, BUT AS AND WHEN THEY REACH THEIR FINAL STAGE, MAY I
SUGGEST THAT ANY OTHER PENDING COMMERCIAL MATTERS MAY BE
DISCUSSED WITH THE SHIPPERS.

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